**Installation of fax Machines in Telegraph offices**

1982. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether FAX machines would be installed on various Telegraph offices in the country so that telegrams are sent, received and delivered fast;

(b) what is the cost benefit|time benefit between the conventional Morse Key technique and the new FAX technique;

(c) what steps are being taken to see that telegrams reach early; and

(d) what steps will be taken to modernise the telegraph facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such cost benefit|time benefit analysis has been undertaken.

(c) and (d) The Department has undertaken programme to modernize the telegraph services by way of introducing Store & Forward Message Switching Systems which eliminate renual transitiing of the messages and improve the quality of service as well as introdction of new modern terminal devices like Electronic Teleprinter machines, PC based Formatted Terminals, Electronic Key boards etc. This programme has already been implemented to certain extent and is likely to be completed during the 8th Five Year Plan Period. With the modernisation of the telegraph services the quality of the telegraph services will improve to a very great extent.

**Improvement in the Quality of Postal Stamps**

1983. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
SHRI SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how much profit has been made during the last three years on the printing and issue of postal stamps;

(b) what steps will be taken to increase these profits;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the quality of postal stamps;

(d) whether there are large scale complaints about the poor qulity of gum used on the back of stamps; and

(e) if so, what action will be taken to improve the quality of stamps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Postage stamps are used for payment of postal charges. It is only when such stamps are purchased for philatelic purpose of collection and preservation that the revenue yielded is more than the cost of operations. The philatelic revenue from sale of postage stamps over the last three years were as given below:

1990-91 : Rs. 2,08,20,000.00
1991-92 : Rs. 7,99,22,000..00
1992-93 : Rs. 6.38,82,000.00

(b) and (c) Efforts are continuously made to enhance the quality of postage stamps.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.